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## THE RACE FOR THE SEAS

The United States can place upon the seas if it desires, the largest fleet of merchant vessels of any of the nations. There was sent forth from our shipyards last year 2,476,000 tons of shipping, 40,000 more than was launched by Great Britain, second nation.

But while there is a surplus of our ability to obtain ships, our ability to use them properly is another question. However, the Yankee energy and resourcefulness that enabled us to acquire a large merchant fleet in so short a time may be depended upon eventually to overcome this obstacle also. American ships are now a factor to be reckoned with in the world's ocean-carrying trade.

## MORE BUSHELS PER ACRE

Every acre bleaker crops. That was the double record established by corn growers of America in 1920. The crop was 3,232,367,000 bushels, and the average per acre 39.9 bushels.

It is not of the great bulk of the crop that America need be the prouder but of the fact that our farmers are learning in this largest of their crops, the value of a little more intensive farming.

Vermont leads the country with the highest average, 47 bushels to the acre. It is curious that New England, which is sometimes credited with the poorest agricultural land in the country, should get most returns from every acre. This has been true for the past 16 years. Yet Iowa, the greatest corn producer of all, ran Vermont a close second in 1920, with 46 bushels per acre to its credit.

The land can be made far more productive over wide areas than ever it has been. The American farmer is not losing sight of the possibilities of intensive agriculture.

## BURYING THE DEVIL

It is curious that the spring carnival custom of pagan days, has fastened itself firmly in America in only one place, Louisiana. The Mardi Gras celebration, which is held annually in New Orleans on February 8, is famous the country over. But it is not very generally copied.

Mardi Gras marks, of course, the ending of worldly pleasures for a time and Ash Wednesday, today, is the beginning of Lent. Carnival, the very word in fact, signifies a farewell to the flesh. The time of abstinence is upon us. And the chances are a little self-denial would not hurt a good many folks who don't intend to practice it from Ash Wednesday until Easter.

In Europe the Mardi Gras celebration is a joyous and comic one. In Madrid, for instance, it is the occasion for the annual burial of the sardine. This piscatorial dainty is laid in a paper coffin and paraded about the streets. Crowds throng the banks of the Manzanares river, and when the poor little sardine is buried, the world, the flesh and the devil are supposed to be buried with him.

But the world, the flesh and the devil come to life again when Lent is passed. They won't stay permanently buried. They make life in tolerating and wicked. People like to be wicked, though they pretend they don't. But most of them find 40 days, even, a pretty long time to go along the straight and narrow path.

## GASSING THE PARASITES

It is not the boche but the boll weevil against which the United States army is about to lay down a barrage of poisonous gases. This pest of the cotton plantation may be exterminated, experiments already conducted would indicate.

The chemical warfare service of the army, in co-operation with the department of agriculture, is carrying on the battle. In France the use of chloropicrin against the aphid and other parasites has already shown considerable success. Chloropicrin is produced industrially and can be obtained in large quantities. It is not considered a dangerous substance to handle, it is not inflammable, is only partly soluble in water, and evaporates very easily.

## PRINCESS SEES MOVIES FOR FIRST TIME

(By Associated Press)

THE HAGUE, Feb. 9.—The little Princess Juliana, only child of Queen Wilhelmina and Prince Consort Henry, who may one day succeed to the throne of The Netherlands, has just been permitted to see her first moving picture show. She is 11 years old and is being tutored in the sheltered fashion characteristic of the home life of Queen Wilhelmina.

The little princess, however, is being trained in music and other arts as well as in the duties of a housekeeper. Her first motion picture show was of the educational type, a south pole picture.

Queen Wilhelmina rarely appears at fetes, public receptions or patriotic celebrations. In fact, she is seldom seen in public except when walking through the woods or driving in one of her carriages or automobiles. She prefers dignity to display and her residences could hardly be called palaces.

Supporters of the continuation of the present form of government in Holland, a constitutional monarchy, express few apprehensions over the possibility that this form might be changed even to that of a republic, which has been proposed in the event that the Princess Juliana should fail to give Holland a male heir to the throne.

Dutch officials say the House of Orange is deeply rooted in the affections of the Dutch people and there are in the country millions who desire to adhere to the present form of government.

## CUTS OFF HAIR FOR GOVERNMENT

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Feb. 9.—An English girl has just set an example of patriotism to her sisters of this or other countries by cutting off and selling her hair and giving the proceeds to the government to help relieve its financial situation. The girl's name has not been made public.

Her letter announcing her sacrifice as received at a government office reads:

"To help, even though in a very small way, the country in the present financial difficulties, I have had my hair cut off and have sold it. With the money thus obtained I have bought war savings certificates which I have destroyed. The money is thus a direct gift to the country. If this could be published, perhaps many other girls would do as I have done and thousands of people would be encouraged to give up something that would benefit the country financially."

The letter was published, but emulators of the writer's example have not been heard. A reason may be found in a recent decree of hair-dressers that "bobbed" locks are no longer fashionable.

## ASKS STATE TO BUY BOONE HOME

(By Associated Press)

READING, Pa., Feb. 9.—A movement has been started by State Senator James E. Norton, of this city, to have the state purchase the birthplace of Daniel Boone, Kentucky pioneer and Indian fighter, who was born in a house still standing on a farm at Exeter, Berks county. The house is in comparatively good condition and Senator Norton would have it restored and made a historical shrine.

The movement is backed by the Historical Society of Berks county, and many prominent citizens. Senator Norton is preparing the necessary bills for presentation at the present session of the state legislature.

Daniel Boone was born in 1773. Five miles from the homestead is the home of progenitors of Abraham Lincoln. The history of the two families show close relationship by marriage and blood.

Old-Time Court Costume. A court lady in the time of Queen Elizabeth wore a low dress with a long stomacher, an immense ruffe around her neck, a small hat, crinoline, a large fan of ostrich feathers with a mirror attached, highly scented gloves, and frequently a velvet mask. Her feet were shod with pumps of scented Spanish leather, her hair was dyed red in imitation of the royal locks, and her face was painted and rouged.

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## COUNT ILYA TOLSTOY



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